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The Fifth Column

by Ed Weir

The case of Mr. Henry Ford is a strange one. We can't quite figure it out. After boasting that his company could turn out 1,000 airplanes per month and announcing his willingness to cooperate with the government in the defense program, he refuses to manufacture 9,000 Rolls Royce engines, contracted jointly by Britain and the United States governments.

This refusal was later justified on the grounds that the sale of war materials to Britain is "immoral and would help to push this country into war."

It has been pointed out to Mr. Ford that his factories in England and Canada have been turning out considerable numbers of airplanes and motors for the use of the Allies, but Mr. Ford can see no discrepancy in that.

Perhaps the charge of "immorality" is based upon the legal aspect of the situation, the neutrality laws. If so, then Mr. Ford is considerably more respectful of the law than he has been in his fight against collective bargaining among his employees. And in any case perhaps the government is almost as well-informed on the question of its own law as even Mr. Ford, astute though he may be.

Mr. Ford snorts with contempt at the idea of England being our first line of defense. He dismisses it with the word, "Politics." Can he see no glimmering of politics in the accusation that the administration is pushing the country into war?

Mr. Ford has agreed to cooperate with the government in a defense program; he evidently sees the urgent need for both cooperation and defense (with a good chance of a neat little profit on the side.) However, his is a strange sort of cooperation. It looks as if he were going to take his toys and go home unless the government plays his game. He seems to think that his ability as a maker of fine cars qualifies him as a moulder of foreign policy. Personally we still think he makes fine cars.

There are people, nasty old labor leaders and the like, who have boiled down the reasons for Mr. Ford's stubbornness to a bald accusation of pro-Nazi sympathies. But that isn't nice. The real reason is probably a much more noble one: Mr. Ford doesn't like the New Deal.

Conviction of ideals, singleness of purpose—there have been more horrors inflicted upon humanity because of these particular traits of human character than for any other reason. When a man sets his mind in the groove of a single idea and clothes that idea with the raiment of emotionalism, he makes life miserable for those about him.

Single-mindedness is the very anathema of true civilization. The Inquisition, Puritanism, Nationalism, Nazism—can you quote any more devastating enemies of enlightenment?

A sane and cultured person calmly realizes that there is no absolute right or wrong, that men and ideas are neither black nor white, but varying shades of gray. When a man becomes so absorbed in one idea, whether it be in the realm of politics, religion, or ethics, that he sees every other idea as the work of the devil, then he becomes a maniac.

And why this sudden outburst of philosophy? Because paradoxically enough, we in America are soon to become cultural maniacs in order to preserve ourselves and our system.

Totalitarianism is single-mindedness typified, as its name implies. If we are to cope with it successfully, we must swallow some of the same medicine. We will be forced to abandon most of what little sanity we have been able to acquire in this insane world. We will have to burst the buttons off our vest in shouting "My country, right or wrong!"

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1940

Sigmund Spaeth Detects Tunes on Stage Here July 9

Entertainment Course Presents Another Lecturer Next Week

Sigmund Spaeth, noted author, broadcaster, entertainer, lecturer, tune-detective, will be presented at Eastern on Tuesday, July 9, by the Entertainment Course committee. His subject will be "Adventure of a Tune Detective," his most popular lecture.

Mr. Spaeth is well-known in many capacities. Among his varied books are "The Common Sense of Music," "The Art of Enjoying Music," "Music for Everybody," and several collections of all kinds of songs for all kinds of occasions, including "Read 'Em and Weep," (American balladry,) "Gentlemen, Be Seated," (Minstrel Songs and Jokes), "Barber Shop Ballads," "American Mountain Songs," and in preparation is "Symphony Tunes," an effort to make symphonic music popular.

He is a composer and arranger in his own right; has made several movie "shorts;" appears regularly on the radio in Old Company Hour, Happy Wonder Bakers, The Tune Detective, Keys to Happiness, The Song Sleuth, The Talent Detective, and others, as well as being a guest on many programs. His magazine articles appear in publications from College Humor to the Reader's Digest.

Mr. Spaeth's popularity as a lecturer knows no bounds. A San Diego news reporter testifies: "I have heard Sigmund Spaeth four times. I could hear him four hundred times more. He is the first man who has ever made me enjoy a talk on music in spite of myself." Eastern is especially fortunate in securing him this season, as his tour is very limited, most of his work being done in and around New York City.

Students Favor Semi-Classics

Showing a startling weakness for Stephen Foster melodies, Eastern summer singers at the Twilight Hour last week indicated to Dr. Rudolph Anfinson their preferences for ensuing weeks.

Personal selections were revealed in answering three questions: suggest a name for a night, suggest what you would especially like to sing, name a soloist whom you would like to hear.

Commenting on the results of the ballot, Dr. Anfinson mentioned that the tastes of students here turn toward semi-classical music rather than, as might be expected, popular tunes. An unusual desire to sing patriotic songs was expressed, possibly incited by the world crisis.

Themes mentioned for special nights include: a Stephen Foster night, a Victor Herbert night, Garden Song night, River Song night, Sweetheart night with "Girl of My Dreams" and "Smoke Gets in My Eyes," a night of old hymns, and several moonstruck students asked for Moon songs.

"God Bless America" received most attention among patriotic songs suggested for such a night. Others called for songs made popular by the soldier boys.

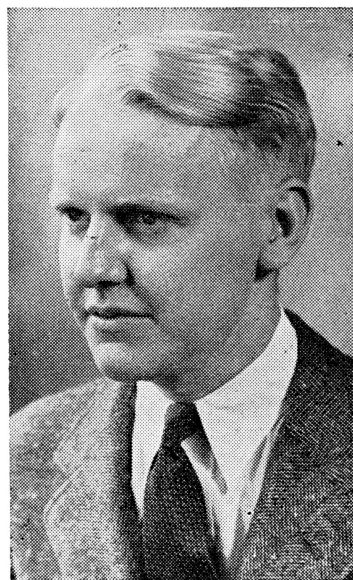
Choices quite different from Owen Harlan's demand for "I Got Engine Strains and Whistles On My Mind" and Adrian Stroud's plea for barber-shop harmony were made by the majority, who listed such favorites as "Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair," "Indian Love Call," "The Chocolate Soldier," "Stardust" (played by Dean H. F. Heller), and "South of the Border."

Speaking for the group who wanted college songs, one said, "More Charleston college songs to promote a sense of loyalty and 'belonging.'" Eloise Rhodes mentioned that such a night should be named Campus Capers.

Mrs. Shelby S. Shake and Mrs. Harlan Beem received most votes for return solos.

Plans for New Lounge Take Shape As Student Council Begins Action

Lunges Ahead



Frank W. Tate

Committee Makes Chicago Visit to Select Furniture

Movement for an Eastern lounge, begun last year under the impetus of the Student Council, entered the realm of probability Monday afternoon when Frank Tate, chief promulgator, called a meeting of leading students still in school.

With \$571 already donated by students, and the expectation of receiving an additional \$110 from the Social Activities board this week, Tate appointed a committee which will go to Chicago next Wednesday to look at furniture and begin purchasing.

Jane Abbott is chairman of the group which expects to do most of its buying at the Marshall-Field Furniture Mart. Other members are: John Worland, Jeanne Cress. Dean H. F. Heller, Dean Elizabeth K. Lawson and Tate.

Location of the proposed lounge remains the old auditorium, which the administration hopes to have redecorated and ready for opening next fall. At present the committee is working on two expense budgets—one for minimum costs, and one optimum.

Upkeep and maintenance of the lounge will be put in the hands of the Student Council.

Historians Tour Kentucky, Indiana

Coleman Expects 12 Under Wing

Leaving Charleston Friday noon, July 12, Dr. Charles H. Coleman, of the Social Science department, expects to have about 12 students in three cars under his wing for the summer history trip through Kentucky and Indiana.

Following the same route taken last year, they will stop in Vincennes, Louisville, the Blue Grass region, Harrisburg and Bardstown, returning home by way of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln park and Santa Claus, Ind. They expect to return Sunday evening after supper.

Dr. Coleman gives as the chief purpose of the trip the desire "to acquaint teachers of Illinois with the advantages of travel as an educational aid. By giving such experiences, we hope to encourage them to conduct similar tours with their own students," he said.

Buzzard Tilts Globe At Nat'l Convention

President Robert G. Buzzard spoke yesterday before the National Council of Geography Teachers meeting in Milwaukee, in connection with the National Education association's annual convention. President Buzzard's topic was "Geography in the New Secondary School Curriculum." In 1927 Dr. Buzzard was president of the Council.

Dean Frank A. Beu and Dr. Mildred Whiting, head of the Art department, are also attending the convention. Subjects being particularly stressed by the thousands of educators are: America's place in the world situation, the youth problem, the purposes of education in a democracy and Pan-American relations in education.

Metter Appears In Who's Who This Year

Dr. Harry L. Metter, director of teacher training and placement, was notified by Robert C. Cook, editor of "Who's Who in American Education," last week that his picture and biography appear in the new 1939-40 edition, which contains sketches of 4,200 other eminent educators in the United States.

Dr. Metter, who began teaching after he secured his diploma from Carbondale, and later received his master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Illinois.

Widger Recalls Taft Friendship

By Mary Sue Simmons

"I hope they won't think I'm advertising the fact that I was a classmate of Bob's," Dr. H. DeF. Widger modestly stated Thursday when asked about his school days and friendship with Robert Taft, in the running last week for the Republican presidential candidacy.

"Bob is still the same fellow he was back in college (Yale '03)—conservative, industrious, and democratic." (And he meant democratic with a small "d"!) "When I heard him nominated the other night," Mr. Widger went on, "I decided to write and remind him of the nominating speeches we gave in our English class at Yale. It was the year his father was running for the presidency, but he (Bob) put up Elihu Root's name in our mock nominations.

"Bob and I debated on opposing teams and in his junior year he was president of the Yale Debate union. Bob graduated with the highest scholastic standing in our class." Describing Senator Taft, Mr. Widger continued, "Bob's a quiet sort of fellow. I can remember when he came up to my room to dodge reporters while his father was running for president in 1908. He doesn't go in for vigorous campaign programs like Dewey. But, nevertheless, he is a worker, and when criticized, he gives reasons with which to back himself. His policy, and I think it is a good one, is to oppose no one.

"But Bob is subtle—as I told my class the other day, he was smart to pose with pigs to help influence the farm vote!"

"On the supposition that you were a Democrat, Mr. Widger," he was

Metro Lion Roars On Uninitiated Ears

Among the hordes in China there still exist a few peaceful souls who have not come under the influence of Will Hays and the moving picture industry.

Irene Brewer can no longer claim spiritual affiliation with that group. Transferring here this summer from Greenville, where she attended a Free Methodist college, she has seen her first moving picture. The evil cinema which initiated her to the mental-escape of most of America's millions was — "Lillian Russell."

Seymour Takes Speech From Front-Page News

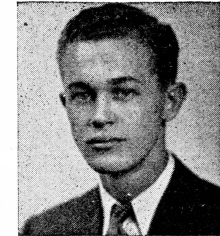
Dr. Glenn Seymour spoke in chapel Tuesday morning on the current world situation. Dr. Seymour used as his material the very latest news reports heard on the radio and read in the newspapers that morning, plus background material of what had happened in the past few days. Included in the talk were reports on what is happening on the war fronts, on the various home fronts, and America's prospects.

asked, "and Robert Taft became the Republican candidate, just how would you vote?"

"Well," Mr. Widger concluded, "I don't think I'd let friendship interfere with political convictions."

Heart Drops Faster Than Airplane Can

Howard Gibbs '39, a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon who is now a cadet at the U. S.



Howard Gibbs

Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, expects to complete his course and return to Charleston about the middle of September. He has had 140 hours of flying.

In a letter last week to Robert Boiey, president of the Phi Sigs, Gibbs related some of his experiences there. "Remember how scared I used to get just before teaching a class in math?" he asked. "Well, that can't compare with how I felt a couple of weeks ago when I saw my name posted on the flight board as leader of our nine-plane formation.

"The clouds were very thick and high, the bottoms were too low to go under, and I had a devil of a time trying to find a way through them. I was just about to go nuts when our chase pilot told us to break up and return individually."

Gibbs, however, has been relatively lucky, for "next day two fellows collided while flying formation. They bailed out, their planes fell in the swamps and burned. One of the others landed at Municipal field to report the accident, ground looped, and tore a wing off!"


Home Ec Women Sail On Lake Erie

Dr. Sadie O. Morris, head of the Home Economics department, returned Friday from Cleveland Ohio, where she attended the National Home Economics convention lasting five days.

Prominent women from all over the United States were there to hear the varied program. Dr. Morris mentions that one of the highlights was a boat trip on Lake Erie Wednesday night.

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Intramural Board Rules Game Between Phi Sigs, Cramers Teams to Be Illegal

Third week of men's intramurals saw further activity on the softball and volleyball schedules.

A Fidelis-Drummond softball tussle began the week, with the former emerging a 4-0 victor. On Tuesday, the Phi Sigs defeated Cramer's in volleyball, following up on the next day with a 7-3 win over Cramer's softball team.

The intramurals board, however, ruled that this game must be played over due to the fact that Wendell Brown, of the Phi Sigs, a practice-teacher in intramurals, participated in the game in violation of the intramurals regulations.


On Thursday, June 27, Fidelis volleyball team defeated Drummond's in two straight out of a three-game bill. In this last game, Drummond's piled up a heavy score, and it was only after desperate playing that Fidelis were finally able to jump into the lead and come out on the heavy end.

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Osa Ault (Lake City): Display the flag and carry on patriotic programs but no fireworks. We'd better save our powder for war preparation.

Ruth Weidner (Edwardsville): Shoot, do anything you please, it's Independence Day!

Lucille Stewart (Charleston): This Fourth should instill in us a desperate desire to put off playing

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Geographers Establish New Chapter Of Honorary Fraternity at Eastern

Gamma Theta Upsilon Invites Buzzard To Preside at Rites

Gamma Theta Upsilon is the title of the new honorary geography fraternity which is being organized here at Eastern. Eastern's chapter is to be the Rho chapter.

"This fraternity," states Miss Ruby Harris of the Geography department, "is to be made up of Geography majors and minors, who have completed at least three credits in geography with a C average or above."

No meeting has been held; however, one has been set for sometime during the second week of July. President Robert G. Buzzard will be the installing officer, as he was the founder of the first chapter of this fraternity at Normal university.

About 16 members will be initiated at the first meeting. The members are summer school students, alumni, and faculty members. Several students who have graduated will return for this initiation. Some of the faculty members of the fraternity are: Miss Annie L. Weller, Miss Rose Zeller, Miss Ruby Harris, and Miss Leah Stevens.

Plans have been made for one meeting each month, so that it will be more convenient for former students to attend. The main purpose of this fraternity is to further the study of geography and geography teaching in the field.

Leads Organization



Miss Ruby Harris

French Visits Scott

Marjorie French '40, of Lerna, spent last week-end visiting Annabel Scott.

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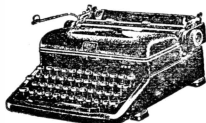
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President Robert G. Buzzard has announced the appointment of Dr. Leo J. Dvorak as new head of the Music department at Eastern.

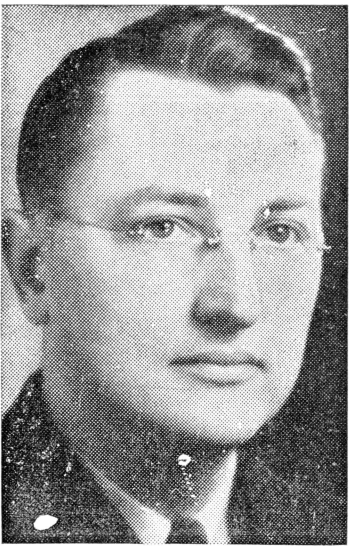
Like his predecessor, Dr. Irving Wolfe, who now heads the Music department at Peabody, Dr. Dvorak is a native of Iowa, where he received his training and taught for ten years. For the past five years he has been a member of the Music department at Illinois State Normal university. His experience was varied there as he served at different times as director of the university orchestra, conductor of the concert band, and director of the chorus. In addition to teaching music, he also set up the training school music program at Normal.

After obtaining his B. A. and Bachelor of Music degrees from Upper Iowa university he went on to the State University of Iowa for his graduate work. He received both his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees there. In Iowa he served as music supervisor in the public schools at Stanley for two years, at Calmar for two years, at Oelwein for three years, and as director of instrumental music at Upper Iowa university for three years. For five years he was a professional musician at Cedar Rapids where he was born and reared.

The new department head has had experience in conducting clinics and festivals. Last month he was guest conductor of a high school band festival at Springfield, Illinois, in which 37 bands participated before an audience of approximately 40,000 persons. He assisted, in December, in conducting a band clinic at Peoria.

While in Iowa, Dr. Dvorak had some experience in assisting Profes-

Replaces Wolfe



Dr. Leo J. Dvorak

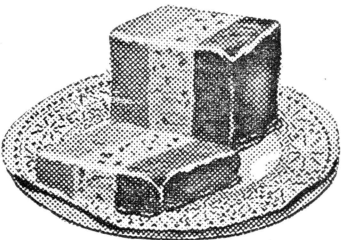
sor C. A. Fullerton in managing music festivals. Professor Fullerton is the originator of the rural school music plan used for the festival held at Eastern each summer.

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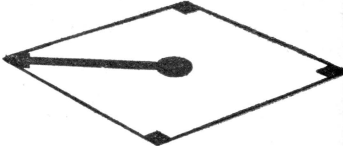
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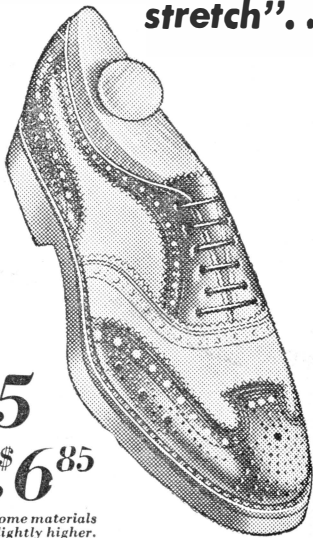
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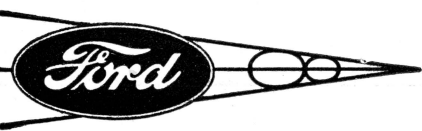
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